

A letter to the Chicago Journal, dated Quincy, Ill., June 24, says: "The wheat crop has proved an entire failure—instead of getting better it has grown worse. There was very little small grain sown on account of the wet." A letter from Freeport, Ill., same date, says "a good many farmers are plowing up their wheat, which has already been destroyed by the fly or bug." From Monroe, Wis., a writer says: "Our wheat prospect is very poor in this section. I think that there will not be half a crop. The chinch bug, grub, worms and the fly are all at work. It makes the farmers feel very discouraged." A Tickler, Wis. lad, letter says "the prospect is not as favorable as we could desire. Continued wet weather has injured the wheat and corn crop, though I think they will compare favorably with last year."

The services performed by contractors in behalf of the Federal game, investment and allied passions of the rebel soldiery have been to such an extent, that even the Blumenthal Whip is "shocked at the barbarism inflicted upon the defenceless larvae."

But the conservatism, of which this conservative party is the exponent, would save the tares instead of the wheat, would save the user instead of life, would save the nation instead of treason might, would sit in judgment seat, would save traitors and their institutions, though the only free government would be blotted from the map of nations. Indeed, conservatism of this kind is the worst enemy we have. Youth who are spent in dissipation, in luxury, and declining years in dyspepsia, hypochondria and gout, whose only legacy is treason and rebellion, and he that has no more than a few dollars, who can be lulled into slumber by the dream of a million, whose relations may not hope to awake at the sound of the trumpet of the resurrection.

Blair, O., June 8

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or entirely untrue. The first of these was turned in the direction of Martinsburg, where there was to be a meeting with the reinforcements—the troops moving in three parallel columns, each protected by an efficient rear guard. Pursuit by the enemy was prompt and vigorous, but our movements were more rapid. The first column, a few miles from Winchester the sound the steam-whistle, heard in the direction of Martinsburg, strengthened the hope of reinforcements, and stirred the blood of the men like a trumpet. Soon afterwards the second column was seen coming down the road with wild hurrahs. The men were thought to be the advance of the anticipated support, and received with cheering cheers.

It was not long before the third column was seen. It was turning back upon its heels. It proved to be the last Maryland and cavalry, Lieut. Col. Wetzschy, sent out in the morning as a train guard. Hearing that the reinforcements were not

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